

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-232-C - ORDER NO. 2008-584
AUGUST 21, 2008

IN RE: Complaint of E. R. (Ron) Rutter v. United)	ORDER GRANTING
Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
Embarq)	VICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Scott Elliott, Esquire, on behalf of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a Embarq (Embarq), for Admission of Susan Spingler Masterton, Esquire, to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Elliott petitions for Susan Spingler Masterton to appear before the Commission as counsel for Embarq in the present docket regarding the complaint proceeding of E. R. (Ron) Rutter against Embarq.

Ms. Masterton is an attorney for Embarq located at 1313 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Florida, according to Ms. Masterton's application for admission *pro hac vice*. Additionally, Ms. Masterton has included affirmation that she will comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that she is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that she will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and the Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Ms. Masterton is Scott Elliott of the law firm of Elliott & Elliott, 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of Susan Spingler Masterton has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Ms. Masterton meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2008-232-C *pro hac vice* and that she should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Susan Spingler Masterton, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Florida and through Motion of local counsel, Scott Elliott, has moved for *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2008-232-C.

2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

3. Ms. Masterton has associated South Carolina counsel.

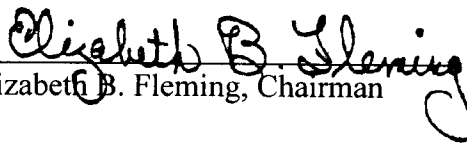
4. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER


The Motion of Scott Elliott, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Susan Spingler Masterton, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No. 2008-232-C is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)